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SUBJECT: GVN-PRG BILATERALS: 47TH PLENARY SESSION

APRIL 12, 1974

1. SUMMARY. GVNDDEL DELIVERED ITS PREPARED STATEMENT AND THEN WALKED OUT OF THE SESSION, IN PROTEST AGAINST THE COMMUNIST SEIZURE OF TONG LE CHAN. PRGDEL HAD THUS NO CHANCE TO SPEAK AT THE PLENARY BUT EXPRESSED ITS VIEWS AT A SUBSEQUENT PRESS CONFERENCE, WHEN SECRETARY KISSINGER AND AMBASSADOR MARTIN WERE SINGLED OUT FOR CRITICISM. THE PREPARED STATEMENTS OF THE TWO SIDES (THAT OF THE PRG HAVING GONE UNDELIVERED) MERELY REITERATED PREVIOUS RESPECTIVE POSITIONS ON SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS. GVNDDEL PROPOSED RECONVENING APRIL 19; PRGDEL HAS NOT YET REPLIED. END SUMMARY.

2. PHONG, ACTING CHIEF, GVNDDEL, SPOKE FIRST. HIS PREPARED STATEMENT TOOK THE PRG TO TASK FOR HAVING TAKEN COVER BEHIND "MATTERS OF PRINCIPLE". THE LATTER, ACCORDING TO THE PRG, MUST BE AGREED UPON BEFORE USEFUL PROCEDURAL STEPS COULD BE TAKEN AT THE CONFERENCE, E.G. ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING COMMITTEES. IN THIS WAY THE PRG WAS OBSTRUCTING
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THE CONFERENCE BY PREVENTING EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION

OF THE TALKS. PHONG EXPRESSED GVN EXASPERATION OVER THIS MANEUVER: BOTH THE AGREEMENT AND THIRTEEN MONTHS OF DISCUSSION HAD DEFINED "MATTERS OF PRINCIPLE" MOST THOROUGHLY. PRG PROPAGANDA ABOUT "POLITICAL PRISONERS" WAS YET ANOTHER DEVICE TO AVOID GETTING DOWN TO SUBSTANTIVE BUSINESS.

3. TURNING TO THE RESPECTIVE PLANS FOR OVERALL SETTLEMENT OF POLITICAL ISSUES, PHONG COMPLAINED THAT THE PRG PROPOSALS OF MARCH 22 WERE BUT GENERALITIES, LACKING IN CONCRETE MEASURES APART FROM SOME MINOR SPECIFICS CONCERNING THE NCNRC AND THE ELECTIONS. IN CONTRAST, THE GVN THREE-POINT DRAFT PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT SET FORTH AT THE LAST SESSION PROVIDED A COMPREHENSIVE AND EQUITABLE FRAMEWORK FOR SWIFT ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE CONFERENCE'S OBJECTIVES AS DEFINED BY THE AGREEMENT. IN CLOSING, PHONG REITERATED THE GVN DESIRE FOR "MORE DIRECT, MORE DISCREET, AND MORE FREQUENT MEETINGS" OF THE TALKS AND CALLED FOR AN AFFIRMATIVE PRG RESPONSE.

4. INSTEAD OF YIELDING THE FLOOR TO THI (PRG), PHONG READ A COMMUNIQUE DENOUNCING THE SHARP INCREASE IN NUMBER AND INTENSITY OF COMMUNIST ATTACKS, TERRORISM, AND SABOTAGE SINCE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MARCH 22 PRG PLAN. PHONG SAID THAT COMMUNIST CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS NOW STOOD AT 150 DAILY, AND HE ACCUSED THEIR SIDE OF HAVING MOUNTED UNPRECEDENTED ARTILLERY FIRE AGAINST TONG LE CHAN. THESE AND OTHER ATTACKS HAD CAUSED GREAT LOSS OF LIFE, CHIEFLY AMONG THE CIVILIAN POPULATION. SUCH

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VIOLENCE, PHONG SAID, PROVED THE UNRELENTING DRV EFFORT TO DOMINATE SVN, "AS PHAM VAN DONG AGAIN AFFIRMED IN STOCKHOLM TWO DAYS AGO". IN SIGN OF PROTEST THE GVNDL CONSIDERED THE SESSION TERMINATED AND PROPOSED RECONVENING ON APRIL 19.

5. THE WALKOUT PREVENTED THI FROM DELIVERING HIS PREPARED STATEMENT, WHICH REAFFIRMED THE SUITABILITY AND IMPORTANCE OF THE PRG MARCH 22 PROGRAM. THI'S PREPARED STATEMENT ALSO ATTEMPTED TO DISCREDIT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S RECENT EXPRESSION OF US COMMITMENT TO THE GVN AS A "BRAZEN DEFIANCE OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE" AND A COMPLETE CONTRADICTION OF THE AGREEMENT AND JOINT COMMUNIQUE.

6. IN A POST-SESSION PRESS CONFERENCE PRG SPOKESMAN THAO REPEATED THE ATTEMPTED CRITICISM OF SECRETARY KISSINGER AND ADDED A GRATUITOUS JAB AT AMBASSADOR MARTIN BY REFERRING TO CERTAIN ALLEGATIONS WHICH APPEARED IN THE US PRESS. THAO ALSO ATTEMPTED TO LODGE A VIGOROUS PROTEST AGAINST GVNDL TACTICS AT THE SESSION, WHILE ALLEGING THAT THE TONG LE CHAN BATTLE OCCURRED BECAUSE THE GVN IGNORED REPEATED
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PRG WARNINGS TO CEASE OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS THERE.

7. THE PRGDEL HAS NOT YET RESPONDED TO THE GVN PROPOSAL THAT THE NEXT SESSION BE HELD APRIL 19.
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